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In re Application of :  
Dan Custer :  
Serial No. 09/298,160 : NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL  
Filed: April 22, 1999 : FROM ISSUE UNDER  
For: POLISHING SYSTEMS, METHODS : 37 CFR 1.313 (b)  
OF PRODUCING SUBSTRATES, AND :  
METHODS OF PREPARING LIQUIDS :

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee due to: reopening of prosecution. See 37 CFR 1.31(b).

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

The issue fee is refundable upon written request. If, however, the application is again found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due upon request. This request and any balance due must be received on or before the due date noted in the new Notice of Allowance in order to prevent abandonment of the application.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Randy Gulakowski at (703) 308-4333.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including applicant of the new status of this application.

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